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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN IRELAND

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN IRELAND. A SEPARATE
MESSAGE WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE
PURPOSE, IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR: IRELAND

I. MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE PILATERAL RELATIONS
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-- EMPHASIZE THAT THE US ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO IRELAND'S
VIEWS, VALUES COOPERATION, AND IS MINDFUL OF ITS
INTERESTS.

-- SEEK TO DEMONSTRATE THAT TRADITIONALLY CLOSE US-
IRISH TIES ARE AS VITAL AS EVER, ESPECIALLY GIVEN

IRELAND'S EXPANDED EC HORIZONS AND IN VIEW OF THE GROWING SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN PRESENCE.

-- ENSURE FREQUENT HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

-- ENCOURAGE VISITS BY IRISH AND US GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

-- EXPAND US-IRISH LABOR CONTACTS.

II. A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN NORTHERN IR

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WHILE CONTINUING US POLICY OF NON-INVOLVEMENT

-- MAINTAIN LONG-STANDING USG POLICY OF NON-INVOLVEMENT, COUPLED WITH STANDING OFFER OF GOOD OFFICES SHOULD BOTH THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS REQUEST THEM.

-- CONTINUE TO GIVE MORAL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL WHO ARE WORKING FOR A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

-- CONTRIBUTE AS APPROPRIATE TO USG INTERAGENCY EFFORTS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL PRIVATE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT SUCH AS SHIPMENT OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES.

-- ASSIST, AS APPROPRIATE, IN USG EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE PRIVATE AMERICAN FINANCIAL OR POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR
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TERRORISM.

-- ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE VISITS TO THE US OF PROMINENT IRISH PEOPLE TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY AGAINST ANY FORM OF ASSISTANCE FOR US-BASED FRONT GROUPS SUPPORTING TERRORISM.

-- CONTINUE CAREFUL SCRUTINY OF VISA APPLICANTS FOR POSSIBLE GROUNDS OF INELIGIBILITY DUE TO TERRORIST ACTIVITY, AND BE PARTICULARLY ALERT WHEN PROPOSED TRIPS ARE FOR FUND-RAISING PURPOSES.

-- IN LOW-KEY FASHION, AND AS APPROPRIATE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR NON-INVOLVEMENT POLICY, ENCOURAGE THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND TO MAKE REFORMS NECESSARY TO EASE NORTH-SOUTH DIVISIONS.

-- STUDY WAYS IN WHICH THE USG COULD JOIN WITH OTHERS TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND IN THE EVENT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

III. INCREASED BILATERAL COOPERATION ON GLOBAL ISSUES

-- IMPROVE AND INTENSIFY CONSULTATIONS ON EC ISSUES
AND ENLIST IRISH SUPPORT FOR EC POLICIES WE FAVOR.

-- WHILE TALKS WITH IRELAND ABOUT REGIONAL SECURITY
ARE BEST LEFT TO ITS EC PARTNERS, THE US SHOULD BE
RECEPTIVE TO ANY IRISH DESIRE TO DISCUSS DEFENSE OR
OTHER SECURITY MATTERS WITH US.

-- SUPPORT CONSTRUCTIVE IRISH PARTICIPATION WITH US IN
NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. MAKE CLEAR US POLICY DECISIONS
BEARING ON COMMODITIES, DEBT, PURPOSE OF AID PROGRAMS,
ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS, ETC., AND SEEK IRISH
COORDINATION AND/OR SUPPORT FOR US VIEWS IN MULTILATERAL
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FORA WHERE THESE ISSUES WILL BE DEALT WITH. ENCOURAGE
DIALOGUE ON THESE SUBJECTS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE
DESIRABILITY OF COOPERATIVE APPROACH AMONG THE INDUSTRIALLY
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

-- ENSURE THAT US VIEWS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES IN THE
UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE PRESENTED
TO THE IRISH IN PROMPT AND PERSUASIVE FASHION.

-- AS APPROPRIATE, ENCOURAGE RENEWED IRISH PARTICIPA-
TION IN UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES.

IV. HEIGHTENED IRISH PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF US POLICIES

-- INCREASE EFFORTS THROUGH USIA AND CU PROGRAMS TO
GAIN GREATER APPRECIATION OF US POLICIES AMONG IRISH
OPINION-MAKERS.

-- ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE AND SELECTIVELY TARGETED INTER-
NATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM, WITH EMPHASIS ON YOUNG
LEADERS IN THE FIELDS OF POLITICS, ECONOMICS, THE MEDIA
AND ACADEMIC LIFE.

-- CONTINUE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES IN
IRISH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

V. EXPANDED COMMERCIAL TIES

-- CONTINUE EMBASSY TRADE PROMOTION EFFORTS, UTILIZING
LONDON TRADE CENTER FACILITIES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT
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